

THE PROTOCOL OF BORDER-LINES

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PROTOCOL BETWEEN CHINA AND RUSSIA ON THE BORDER EAST OF HUNCHUN

Signed at Yench'u, Russia, on June 3, the 12th Year of Kuanghsü (1886).

ANNEX I. THE PROTOCOL OF BORDER-LINES

The Protocol of Border-lines of the First Section.

The envoys for border demarcation of both countries have defined the border of the First Section to be the stretch from the River Tumen to the astronomical point at Changling, according to the map drawn up after the survey by Russian commissioners in 1884 (the 10 Year of Kuanghsü). This mountain is situated between the Russian outpost at Hunchun and that of the Chinese side at Mertscho, and is on the road between Hunchun and the River Yench'u. The distance between the place where the border-mark T has newly been established and the astronomical point is sixty-five and half Russian li, or approximately one hundred and thirty-one Chinese li, and the red line on the map marks the border all along the watershed, and the side on which water flows westwards and pours into the River Tumen belongs to China, and the side on which it flows eastwards and pours into the sea to Russia. The distance southwards from the border-mark T along the stream to the estuary of the River Tumen is fifteen Russian li, or approximately thirty Chinese li, and the distance to the end of the sandbar measured in a straight line by land is thirteen li four hundred and fifty-five sajens, or approximately over twenty-seven Chinese li. The established monolith border-mark T is one sajen, or approximately over seven Chinese feet high, ten Russian inches, or approximately fifteen Chinese inches wide, and four Russian inches, or approximately six Chinese inches thick. On one side it has the Russian letter T inscribed, and on the other three Chinese characters "T Letter Monument" with the date at the side. The depth of the border-mark in the ground is one Russian foot, or approximately two Chinese feet and three inches. The foundation around it is constructed with hard stone, and surrounded by a deep ditch filled with crushed gravel and hardened by pouring mortar so as to make the border-mark durable. Proceeding over the hill northwest-

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wards from the border-mark T up to the north of a sand hill via the west of Lake Hasing, the border-mark No. 1 is established, the total distance being eight li and one hundred sajen. Proceeding thence northwards one li and sixty-five sajen, and turning there northwest for four li one hundred and thirty-five sajen along sand hills, Ikengtzu is reached, where the border-mark No. 2 is established. Turning further southeast, and proceeding around a swamp, and turning north, Mount Barnova is reached. From the north of this mountain, again turning east Mount Varabash is reached; and thence again proceeding northeast, a road between Hanchi and the River Yingan is reached, and there the border-mark No. 3 is established, the total distance being thirteen li four hundred and sixty-five sajen. Thence for two li and four hundred sajen northwestwards along a flat hill, and the border-mark No. 4 is established. Thence again northwestwards for two li one hundred and fifty sajen after crossing several hills, and Mount Kach'unina is reached, where the border-mark No. 5 is established on a flat slope at the foot of the mountain. Again six li two hundred and eighty-five sajen northwestwards, descending a mild hill and crossing small ravines at several points, Huitingtzu is reached. The border-mark No. 6 is established at the roadside leading to the River Kanch'u. Again proceeding northwest, Hushan or Hsionguitingtzu is reached. Turning thence southwest, Meshan or Tichuitingtzu is reached, from where turning northwest and crossing a large mountain by a narrow and steep path, Mount Klado is reached. Proceeding thence around the source of the River Chulin, and turning east and again north, the border-mark No. 7 is established on the top of the mountain, which, though not high, has very rugged paths, and is situated twenty li four hundred and seventy-five sajen from the border-mark No. 6. Thence turning north at a point three li two hundred and eighty sajen northeastwards, and proceeding one li and sixty-five sajen, and again turning east for three hundred and thirty sajen, the astronomical point, erected in 1884, is reached. This is the border-mark No. 8. The distances mentioned above are all in Russian li, one Russian li corresponding to two Chinese li, and one Russian sajen to over seven Chinese feet. The astronomical point is a tall brick building with a hard stone foundation. All other border-marks are round mounds of earth, around which a ditch is dug and filled with gravel. On each mound is erected a small monolith with the figures 1, 2, 3, 4, etc., inscribed. This Protocol is drawn up in duplicate, in Manchurian, Chinese and Russian languages. Two maps are drawn up according to the border lines defined above. The envoys for border demarcation of both countries sign both of them and affix their seals thereto, each holding one copy of the Protocol and the maps as evidence.

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I, HAYASHI, Kaoru, Chief of the Archives Section of the Japanese Foreign Office, hereby certify that the document hereto attached in the Japanese language, consisting of 4 pages and entitled:

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is an exact and true copy of an official document of the Japanese Foreign Office.

Certified at Tokyo,
on this 27th day of March, 1947.

/s/ K. Hayashi

Witness:

/s/ K. Urabe

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I, MIURA, Kozuichi, hereby declare that I can read, write and speak the Japanese and the English Languages, and have done the English translation of

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accurately and faithfully.

/s/ K. Miura

Tokyo, January 10th, 1947